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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PORS, CASC, GT  
SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF DUAL NATIONAL US-Guatemalan CITIZEN

REF: GUATEMALA 1301

1. KIDNAPPERS MADE CONTACT WITH BROL FAMILY EVENING FRIDAY, MARCH  
4 REQUESTING THEM TO BE READY TO PAY RANSOM NEXT DAY.

2. MRS. BROL, BROTHER NICOLAS, AND HIS SON "CHITO" BROL  
SPENT FIVE HOURS SATURDAY, 5TH FROM 2:40 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.  
FOLLOWING A SERIES OF TEN INSTRUCTIONS FROM KIDNAPPERS  
IN FORM OF NOTES CONCEALED AT VARIOUS POINTS IN CITY AND  
ALONG ATLANTIC HIGHWAY AND FINALLY WOUND UP HANDING OVER  
RANSOM TO KIDNAPPER WITH STOCKING OVER HIS HEAD IN DARKNESS  
VERY NEAR KILOMETER SIGN 159 NEAR CHIQUIMULA (SOUTHEAST  
PART OF GUATEMALA).

3. FAMILY HAD RECEIVED PROOF OF EDMUNDO BROL'S BEING ALIVE  
AS OF LAST MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 IN FORM OF TAPERECORDING  
WITH BROL PROVIDING ANSWERS  
TO QUESTIONS ON HIS  
FIRST MARRIAGE AS REQUESTED BY FAMILY. IN NOTE  
GIVEN TO FAMILY BY MAN TAKING RANSOM ON SATURDAY  
THE 5TH, YKIDNAPPERS SAID THEY WOULD UNDERTAKE TO  
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RELEASE BROL WITHIN 48-72 HOURS, WHICH WOULD BE  
EVENING MARCH 7 OR MARCH 8. NO CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS  
HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE RANSOM PAID EVENING OF MARCH 5.  
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